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Dear Pinkie:

Thanks very much for your letter of 31 March 1949. All of us in the office enjoyed very much hearing of your trip and the very pleasant time you must be having.

Things here are just about the same as when you left. The new Secretary of Defense has taken over, and so far there have not been too many changes with us. There is still no solution as to the Deputy--whether or not he will be a civilian--but it looks more and more as if a civilian will be insisted upon. Consequently, we have done nothing more about [ ] except to ask the Army to wait.

The weather has been fine, and, what with all the Foreign Ministers around, there has been a lot of running around!

Your visits to Portland and San Francisco sound fine. If you see [ ] again, please give him our best regards.

In case you did not know, [ ] is being relieved the first of June and is going over as Admiral Conolly's intelligence officer. [ ] has arrived and is being kept very busy trying to find out all the details about SO.

I really haven't much news for you, but all of us would like to hear from you again after you get out to Japan and find out what you are going to do. We are all interested in your new assignment and would welcome any dope you can send us.

Janie joins me in very best wishes to Millie and yourself, and I am sure that I speak for the whole office when I say that all of us send our very best regards to you.

Sincerely,

*s/Hilly - Sup 4/11/49*  
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Dear Hilby:

We are really living the life of Riley!  
Doing all the things you keep talking  
of doing and yet never getting around  
to it. Some friends have fixed me up  
with a card at a good golf club and  
I get in a round at least every  
other day. Have seen a couple of  
good shows, have done a few small  
night spots - and even saw the  
local opening of the Pacific Coast  
Baseball season last night!

The trip out was uneventful  
except for the usual friendly binges  
put on at Fort Knox and Fort  
Riley. We had good weather and  
bad, neither of such proportions as to  
be very interesting.



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usual courtesy calls, including a call on the Commanding General of the S.F. Port of Embarkation. It turns out to be an old Parisian acquaintance of yours - Gene Lester. The boys at the Port have assured me that everything will be done to speed and ease my embarkation. Millie and I will have a cabrio together and it looks like everything is arranged for my car to get on the same ship.

Next Thursday (7 April) we are driving to Portland, returning here on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. The weather - naturally - is perfect and we hope it continues for that short trip.

Haven't contacted  or any of his people yet but will on my return. It has felt good to get away from the old angles for awhile and I was afraid an early visit

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might put me back in the groove  
and disrupt my dream.

Please let me know if I can do  
anything for you or the outfit anywhere  
out here. I would be very happy to  
visit Los Angeles or Reseda if any  
good can be done thereby.

My best regards to everyone - and  
please say hello to Jane for me.  
Keep everything in the road.

As Ever,

"Pinky"